

INDIANA STATE LIBRARY

LSTA Technology Grant *2010 Guidelines*

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APPLICATIONS DUE JANUARY 15, 2010

A library may submit only one application for a technology sub-grant.

The maximum amount of funding is \$10,000 per sub-grant.

A local cash match equal to at least 10% of the requested amount of LSTA funds is required.

\$225,000 in LSTA funds will be available for these grants.

Program Overview

The Indiana State Library will offer LSTA sub-grants to help Indiana libraries provide their users with the new and improved technology necessary to meet their residents' ever-changing needs for library services and access to information. Libraries may use these sub-grants to better meet the technological needs of their community.

Desired Outcomes

Projects awarded grant funding must evidence the ability to produce at least one of the following outcomes.

- ☐ Increased effectiveness of telecommunications, technology, and resources used in the library
- ☐ Increased availability of up-to-date and reliable information
- ☐ Delivery of new and improved programs that anticipate and meet Indiana residents' constantly changing needs for library services

Projects evidencing the ability to produce at least one of the following desired outcomes are given preference.

- ☐ Increased access to information for underserved urban and rural persons
- ☐ Increased computer and information literacy skills among digital immigrants
- ☐ Increased participation in statewide resource sharing
- ☐ Enhanced online presence of Indiana libraries

Note: These desired outcomes are derived from the six overarching goals of the IMLS (see <http://www.imls.gov/programs/programs.shtml>) and the goals and needs identified in the Indiana LSTA Five-Year Plan (see <http://www.in.gov/library/files/LSTAPlan2008-2012.pdf>). Before applying for an LSTA Technology Grant, please be sure you understand the overarching LSTA goals and have developed a project that addresses these.

Eligible Applicants

All academic, public (including branches), school media, and special libraries are eligible to apply if they meet the following criteria.

- ☐ Located in Indiana
- ☐ Comply with federal and state statutes and regulations
- ☐ Comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) (school media centers & public libraries)
- ☐ Meet Indiana Public Library Standards (public libraries)

Libraries that meet any of the following requirements are given preference.

- ☐ Library is an active lender to other libraries
- ☐ Library has not received a Technology grant in the past two years
- ☐ Library is requesting LSTA funds to help meet new Public Library Standards for technology

Grant Guidelines

- Grant funds must be spent between the project start date¹ and May 31, 2011.
- Applicants must demonstrate how new equipment, technology, software, or services will support at least one of the desired outcomes and meet at least one purpose of LSTA as defined by the IMLS² and one of the goals of Indiana's five-year plan³.
- Applicants must demonstrate that they meet all eligibility requirements and if applicable, provide evidence they meet any preferred eligibility requirements.
- Applicants must cite evidence of a legitimate community need and demonstrate how LSTA funds will alleviate the need and lead to desired outcomes.
- Grant recipients **must** submit all reports and meet all expectations in time as outlined in the *Managing Your LSTA Grant 2010* manual, available online at <http://www.in.gov/library/lsta.htm>.
- Digital files and the associated metadata records created as a result of the grant project **must** be submitted to the Indiana State Library Digital Initiatives Librarian for inclusion in *Indiana Memory*. Applicants must adhere to State Library standards for collection development (http://www.in.gov/library/files/dig_colldev07.pdf), image scanning (http://www.in.gov/library/files/dig_imgst.pdf), and metadata (http://www.in.gov/library/files/dig_metast.pdf).
- Technology, equipment, software, or services provided as a result of LSTA funding must be made open access.

¹ The start date is dependent upon official finalization of the contract.

² <http://www.imls.gov/programs/programs.shtm>

³ <http://www.in.gov/library/files/LSTAPlan2008-2012.pdf>

Budget & Funding

Applicants may apply for up to \$10,000.

Applicants must show that they will provide a cash match equal to at least 10% of the awarded amount of LSTA funds.

Applicants must adhere to federal guidelines for allowable and non-allowable expenses. See the Cost Principles on the LSTA website: <http://www.in.gov/library/lsta.htm>.

Examples of Allowable Costs

Technology hardware and software
Training for staff and volunteers
Contracting outside agencies
New project staff

Examples of Non-Allowable Costs

Ongoing operating costs
Wages and benefits for existing employees
Entertainment costs (NO FOOD or BEVERAGES)

2010 SUB-GRANT TIMELINE

OCTOBER 23, 2009	Application form and guidelines made available
JANUARY 15, 2010	Applications due at the Indiana State Library no later than 4 p.m. ET
MARCH 2010	Applicants informed of application status (<i>funded; not funded</i>)
APRIL 2010	Projects may begin after contract is finalized
JULY 30, 2010	First Quarter Progress Report due
NOVEMBER 26, 2010	Second Quarter Progress Report due
FEBRUARY 25, 2011	Third Quarter Progress Report due
MAY 31, 2011	Project End: last day grant funds can be spent
JUNE 30, 2011	Final postmark date for reimbursement claims
JULY 29, 2011	Evaluation Progress Report & Financial Final Report due
SEPTEMBER 30, 2011	Narrative Final Report due

Application Process

APPLICATIONS DUE BY 4:00 P.M. ET, JANUARY 15, 2010

Application materials are available on [our LSTA webpage](#). Please follow the general application instructions and refer to the line-by-line instructions also available on the webpage.

Application Submission

The grant application consists of an application form and budget worksheet. A copy of these documents must be submitted by **BOTH** mail **and** e-mail to be reviewed. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Step One

Mail or hand deliver one signed original of your completed application materials to *LSTA Technology Grant Application*, Library Development Office (Rm. 413), Indiana State Library, 315 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Step Two

E-mail one copy of your completed application materials to jclifton@library.in.gov. You may attach the original Word and Excel files. Scans or PDFs of your originals are not required. If you have trouble meeting this requirement, notify the LSTA Grant Consultant at (317) 234-6550.

You may request an advance review of your application by the LSTA Grant Consultant (jclifton@library.in.gov). The consultant will make recommendations for improvement but does not approve applications. Applications should be sent much in advance of the application deadline to be reviewed at the consultant's discretion as time allows.

Application Review

Grant applications are reviewed by a panel of outside reviewers and State Library staff. Applications are scored in relation to the answers provided in each section of the form and the overall quality of the grant proposal. 100 total points are possible. Projects evidencing the ability to produce at least one preferred desired outcome as listed above are eligible to receive at most an additional 15 points. The highest scoring projects are recommended for awards. Should libraries have equal points, preference goes to libraries meeting the preferred eligibility requirements outlined above.

Applicants are informed of the status of their grant in March. Reviewers may decide to fully fund, partially fund, or not fund any application received. Those who are either not funded or not fully funded can file an appeal with the Indiana Library and Historical Board within 30 days of receiving notice of the reviewers' decision.

Questions? Please contact Jennifer Clifton at (317) 234-6550 or jclifton@library.in.gov